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TAGS: BENC, SU  
SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: OFFICES/COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

1. OFFICIAL OF PUBLIC REAL ESTATE CORPORATION HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION FIRM INTERESTED IN CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE OFFICE BUILDING AND COMMERCIAL COMPLEX IN DOWNTOWN KHARTOUM. MINISTRY OF NATIONAL PLANNING HAS RECENTLY APPROVED FUNDING OF LOCAL COSTS OF THIS PROJECT. OFFICE COMPLEX WILL HOUSE HEADQUARTERS OF SUDAN SOCIALIST UNION, THE COUNTRY'S MAIN POLITICAL ORGANIZATION.
2. TWO LARGE BUILDINGS ARE PLANNED, WITH A TOTAL SPACE OF 22,000 SQUARE METERS. TOTAL COST IS TENTATIVELY ESTIMATED AT \$15 MILLION WITH COST PER SQUARE METER CALCULATED SOMEWHERE BETWEEN \$500 AND \$600. MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION AND THE PUBLIC WORKS HAS COMPLETED BASIC ARCHITECTURAL WORK AND WOULD OVERSEE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY.
3. CONSTRUCTION FIRM WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPORTATION OF ALL BUILDING MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE LOCALLY.
4. SUDANESE EXECUTING AGENCY DESIRES CREDIT TERMS FOR ALL FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF THE PROJECT. FAVORABLE REPAYMENT TERMS ARE ESSENTIAL. REPAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST

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WOULD BE GUARANTEED BY BANK OF SUDAN AND APPROPRIATE FOREIGN BANKS IF NECESSARY.

5. AT THIS POINT, ONLY AMERICAN AND ARAB CONTRACTORS ARE BEING APPROACHED. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ANY AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION FIRMS INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT CONTACT EMBASSY THROUGH USDOC ASAP.

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